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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: MEETING ON DEEP SEABED REGIME

REFS: A) GENEVA 3410, B) STATE 115674 C) YAOUNDE 1613

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1. AS EMB. AWARE FROM REFTELS, PAUL ENGO, AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I IN LOS CONFERENCE, HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON DEEP SEABED. DEEP SEABED ISSUE NOW APPEARS TO BE PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK TO SUCCESS OF LOS

CONFERENCE. ENGO HAS INDICATED THAT HE WISHES TO HOLD INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY 20 COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS ON SEABED QUESTIONS. HE APPARENTLY WOULD PREFER THAT SUCH MEETING TAKE PLACE IN YAOUNDE AND AT ONE TIME, AT LEAST, PLANNED ON SCHEDULING MEETING IN LATE AUGUST.

2. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ANY SUCH MEETING IN NEW YORK, RATHER THAN YAOUNDE, FOR BOTH LOGISTIC AND SUBSTANTIVE REASONS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO APPEAR TO ENGO TO BE OPPOSING HIM OR TO BE CREATING OBSTACLE IN HIS EFFORTS TO HOLD HIS MEETING. U.S. REPS IN GENEVA TOLD ENGO THAT U.S. WOULD SUPPORT HAVING MEETING IN YAOUNDE. ENGO HAS INDICATED (MOST RECENTLY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

WHEN LATTER WAS IN YAOUNDE) HE HOPED USG WOULD HELP HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO HOLD MEETING IN CAMEROON. WE CONSIDER THAT WE MUST APPEAR TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ENGO'S INQUIRY.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE ISSUE WITH ENGO AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIME AND DETERMINE STATUS OF ENGO'S PLANS, IF ANY, FOR THIS MEETING INCLUDING LOCALE AND DATES, WHO HE INTENDS TO INVITE AND AGENDA.

4. IF ENGO INDICATES THAT HE HAS NO PLANS OR THAT HE HOPES TO HAVE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK, EMBASSY SHOULD GENERALLY ENCOURAGE ENGO TO HOLD INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS ON COMMITTEE I ISSUES IN NEW YORK. IF ENGO STATES THAT HE PLANS TO HOLD MEETING IN YAOUNDE, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT USG WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEETING IF HELD IN YAOUNDE AND WOULD SUPPORT ENGO IN HIS EFFORTS TO DO SO. YOU SHOULD STATE, HOWEVER, THAT WE BELIEVE THAT MEETING IN NEW YORK DURING UNGA WOULD HAVE GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS THAN ONE HELD IN CAMEROON AS FULL UN SECRETARIAT FACILITIES COULD BE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE MORE LIKELY THAT KEY NEGOTIATORS WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND THERE  
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WOULD BE MORE TIME, IF MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER OR LATER, FOR GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR REVIEW OF SEABED ISSUE. IF ENGO ASKS WHETHER U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST HIM IF MEETING TAKES PLACE IN YAOUNDE, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE IF THIS SHOULD PROVE NECESSARY. WE COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, MAKE AVAILABLE FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING EQUIPMENT. WE COULD ALSO INCLUDE ON THE U.S. DEL AT LEAST ONE COMPETENT FRENCH/ENGLISH INTERPRETER.

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